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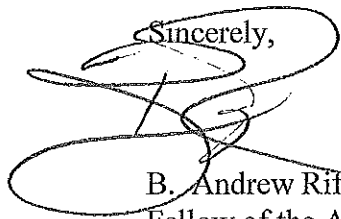
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Dear Mr. Davis:

I am writing this letter in support of ADM 2010-22, which addresses the problem with "trolling" for divorce clients before they have even been served with ex parte orders, injunctions, TRO's, or personal protection orders. Since a party receiving a targeted solicitation may not yet be subject to the jurisdiction of the court (because that party may not have been formally served), advance notice furnishes the opportunity to transfer assets, change beneficiary designations, remove children from their custodial environments, and otherwise avoid and evade court process before being served.

By permitting these targeted solicitations, there is a substantially increased risk of physical or economic harm to the plaintiff or the children in a high conflict divorce case. Advance notice not only is unfair to those particular people, but it also subverts the broader public policy of this state, which is to protect families and prevent irreparable harm before it takes place.

For these reasons, I urge that ADM 2010-22 be adopted.

Sincerely,

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